

THE SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE DERMATOLOGY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Atlanta, Georgia, November 30, 1990

Journal David Norris, Editor, outlined the 1991 budget projection for the Journal. There was a motion to establish an ad hoc committee on Executive Remuneration composed of Howard Baden, Ervin Epstein, Jr., and Jon Hanifin. This committee will investigate salary levels for editors and secretaries of similar organizations and make a recommendation to the Board. The motion was approved. Dr. Norris reviewed the procedure and timetable for high impact manuscripts and review articles. He announced that the Journal office would continue to produce "In This Issue," and said that a supplement on mastocytosis was planned for 1991.

Paul Weislogel and Janet Bailey, Elsevier Science Publishing, presented the report of the publisher. Elsevier now has software to track manuscripts and generate correspondence that the company will make available to Journal editors. Rein Willemze, ESDR representative to the Board Meeting, explained that the ESDR is supplying the Journal to about 35 departments in Eastern Europe. These departments would be acknowledged in a future issue of the Journal. There was also discussion about supplying the Journal to European residents and fellows. Janet Bailey outlined the new contract and provided statistics on institutional subscriptions.

The SID and ESDR drafted a Journal Profit Sharing Agreement. The agreement was approved with several amendments, and subsequently endorsed by both organizations.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee to Select a New Editor: Paul Bergstresser, Chairman, explained that the committee had identified two candidates for the editorship. Interviews had taken place on November 29, 1990. However, the committee was not yet prepared to make a final recommendation pending receipt of written plans for managing the Journal. The Committee said it would be prepared to make its recommendation at the May, 1991 meeting of the Board.

Committee on Nominations: A motion to accept the report of the Committee was passed. Their nominations for officers were as follows: President-Elect, Irwin Braverman; Vice-President, John Kenney, Jr.; Directors, Beverly Dale and Thomas Lawley; and Resident Director, Bruce Randazzo.

Committee on Honorary Membership: A motion was passed to elect Clarence Livingood to honorary membership in the Society.

Committee on Finances: The report of the Committee was not received in time for the Board meeting. The Board discussed the budget at the meeting and at a later date received the Committee's

recommendation. On January 2, 1991, a ballot was distributed to all Board members, and the 1991 operating budget was approved.

Committee on Scientific Programs: Eugene Bauer, Chairman, outlined the preliminary program for the 1991 annual meeting. He also stated that after this year's abstract review, the Committee would re-evaluate its procedures for judging abstracts.

Secretary/Treasurer's Office The changes to the Bylaws regarding two of the standing committees were approved by the Board as amended and were included in the 1991 Annual Meeting program book for vote by the membership. The Dermatology Foundation requested that the Society increase its \$25,000 fellowship award to a Career Development Award at \$40,000 per year. It was generally agreed that the Society was not financially able to support the full award amount of a CDA in 1991, but that the Society would commit \$25,000 for three years, if the DF supplements that amount to fund a CDA. Irma Gigli, President, outlined conversations she had had with leadership members of the Trisocieties regarding overlap of our annual meetings. There would be a severe space shortage next year in Seattle due to the overlap. Discussion followed about the desirability of meeting with the Trisocieties and that it appeared to be a good time to re-evaluate this relationship. The Board voted not to renew membership in the Forum for Medical Affairs, or to join Research America. Angela Welsh reported that the Society would produce a membership directory and offer a placement service. The directory would be created jointly with the ESDR and JSID. Finally, letters had gone out to members requesting their participation on committees of the SID.

Other Business Rein Willemze discussed the new journal *Experimental Dermatology* and stated that the ESDR Board did not endorse its creation. The *JID* remains the official Journal of the ESDR.

Alan Moshell, Director, Extramural Programs, Skin Diseases, NIAMS, was invited to the Board meeting to report on pending changes at the Institute including the average length of grants and indirect cost issues. He also explained that NIAMS was developing a strategic plan. The SID had sent a questionnaire to all SID members regarding their ideas on research advances in the next five years. Lowell Goldsmith, Chairman, AAD Council on Research, outlined his council activities for the year. Barbara Butler and Gail Zimmerman, Co-chairs of the Coalition of Patient Advocates for Skin Diseases Research, met with the Board to express their appreciation to the SID for its support. Barbara Butler outlined John Grunephoff's activities for the year, as well as plans for future activities.

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Seattle, Washington, May 1, 1991

Secretary/Treasurer's Office David Bickers, Secretary/Treasurer, and Angela Welsh, Administrative Director, reviewed long-term budget projections, membership profile, and meeting attendance data (see Tables I-V). There are a total of 1783 dues-paying

members in the Society. Members were classified by nationality, professional degree, and US/foreign distribution. This year there were a total of 197 new members—a record number for the Society. The 1990 unrestricted fund balance was at a deficit of (\$66,628).

Our restricted funds, namely, the JID Endowment, Kanof, and Named Funds, are at \$530,174.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Membership regarding new members, whose names were then submitted for vote by the entire membership at the annual meeting.

The newly created Organizational Chart for the Society was approved after slight modification.

The Board discussed the role of the Vice President in the Society, but decided not to alter that role.

Richard Gallo, Resident-Fellow Board Member, suggested that the 1024 residents and fellows who receive the Journal from Westwood-Squibb be recruited to become voting members of the Society at a reduced rate. There followed a discussion on methods to recruit new junior and clinical members.

David Bickers announced that \$19,708 had been collected for the Kanof Fund. George Hambrick, the individual heading this fund-raising campaign, said that a corpus of \$50,000 would be needed before an annual award can be made.

David Bickers updated the Board on the status of plans for the 1993 Tricontinental meeting in Kyoto and the SID's commitment to see that a minimum of 50 members attend that meeting.

Reports on the annual meeting and regional meetings were presented by Angela Welsh. Even though this year's annual meeting is on the West Coast, attendance does not appear to be down. A record number of abstracts (608) were submitted this year.

Committee Reports A new procedure has been instituted for election of standing committee members. Notices informing members of committee vacancies were sent with meeting registration forms. Over 100 individuals submitted their *curricula vitae* for consideration. The Board had received the CVs prior to the meeting and were asked to vote by ballot.

New Committee members of the Society were selected as follows: Committee on Membership, Craig Elmetz; Committee on Scientific Programs, Jouni Uitto; Committee on Finances, Carl Ehmann; Committee on Nominations, Karen Holbrook; Auditing Committee, retain as in 1990/91; Committee on Goals, William Cunningham; Committee on Government and Public Relations, D. Martin Carter; Committee on Resident/Fellow Programs, Douglas Lowy, Marcia Tonnesen, Mina Yaar, Ponciano Cruz, Richard Gallo, and Bruce Randazzo. New committee members of the Society's ad hoc Committees were selected as follows: Committee on Honorary Membership, Stephen Katz; Committee on JID Endowment, no change; Committee to Select a New Editor, discharged; Intersociety Planning Committee, no change; Committee on Research Fellowships, no change; Committee on SID Education for Students, no change; NIH Advisory Committee, no change; Committee on Regional Meetings, new regional officers.

Ad Hoc Committee to Select a New Editor: Paul Bergstresser, Chairman, reviewed the selection process. He then asked for a motion to name Edward O'Keefe as the next Editor of the Journal. The motion passed unanimously. The chairman expressed his confidence in the new editor and said that the committee had considered the environment of the candidate as well as the individual. Dr.

O'Keefe's appointment offers an excellent opportunity to continue the growth and success of the Journal.

Committee on Government and Public Relations: David Bickers outlined John Grupenhoff's activities for the year including trips to Capitol Hill by SID members and members of the Coalition of Patient Advocates for Skin Disease Research. There was a motion made to award a two-year contract to John Grupenhoff for the Society's share of his salary. The motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Epstein, Jr., President-Elect, outlined his proposal to design a luncheon program for legislative aides at the 1992 annual meeting. He said he would report further in December.

Auditing Committee: The Board voted to accept the Committee's report, but not to provide officer liability insurance nor to perform a formal audit of the Society's finances at this time.

Ad Hoc NIH Advisory Committee: Jouni Uitto, Chairman, proposed a list of 12 SID members who should be recommended for study section vacancies at the NIAMS. These names were solicited from dermatology program chairs and *curricula vitae* were reviewed by the ad hoc committee. David Bickers agreed to write a letter to Alan Moshell at NIAMS with the Board's recommendations.

Committee on Scientific Programs: Eugene Bauer, Chairman, reported on the abstract selection process and the plans to revise the 1992 judging process.

Journal Janet Bailey, Elsevier Science Publishing, presented the Publisher's Report. She described the year as a good one editorially and financially. The profit margin increased and the Journal's scientific impact factor was approximately 3.78. The March issue on mastocytosis was sent to 13,000 non-member physicians with a reply card. Advertising revenue has increased. Janet Bailey also announced that the first manuscript on diskette had been processed at Elsevier. Finally, a replacement for Dalia Ritter of Elsevier will be hired by the end of 1991.

David Norris, Editor, discussed the idea of producing clinically-oriented supplements. If the SID does this, the Editorial Board would have to review the manuscripts because the quality can vary significantly. Edward O'Keefe, Editor-Elect, requested that Peter Friedmann, ESDR Board Representative, investigate having the European Associate Editors attend ESDR Board meetings.

Other Business The Organogenesis request to hold formal exhibits at the annual meetings was denied.

Lela Lee, President of the Western Region, outlined the concerns of the ad hoc Committee on Regional Meetings and its proposal to alter the bylaws of the Society to recognize the existence of regional groups. A motion to recommend an amendment to the bylaws was passed. It states that "The Society for Investigative Dermatology may hold regional meetings. For the purpose of conducting those meetings, the various regions may select regional officers. Guidelines for the selection, terms, and succession of regional officers and the conducting of the regional meetings may be provided by each region and may differ among regions." This amendment will appear in the 1992 Annual Meeting Program and be voted on by the entire membership in May, 1992.

Minutes of the Final Meeting of the Board of Directors Seattle, Washington, May 4, 1991

David Bickers, Secretary/Treasurer, introduced new officers and directors.

Ervin Epstein, Jr., President, led discussion regarding holding our meeting in conjunction with the APCR/AAP/ASCI. Barbara Gilchrest outlined discussions of the Committee on Resident/Fel-

low Programs and their ideas for new programs. Final 1991 meeting attendance figures were announced.

There being no further business, President Epstein adjourned the meeting.